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FM AMCONSUL PARAMARIBO
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INFO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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SUBJ: SURINAM INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES

1. GOS NOW ORGANIZING CEREMONIES TO MARK DATE OF SURINAM'S EMERGENCE NOV. 25, 1975 AS FULLY INDEPENDENT STATE. CEREMONIES WILL TAKE PLACE NOV. 21-26 AND USG WILL, OF COURSE, BE INVITED TO SEND DELEGATION. FOLLOWING IS FOR DEPARTMENT'S BACKGROUND IN CONSIDERING CHARACTER OF USG REPRESENTATION AT OBSERVANCES.
2. ON BEHALF OF GOS, NETHERLANDS WILL INVITE THE USG, THROUGH EMBASSY THE HAGUE, TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES. INVITATION WILL RECOMMEND OR REQUEST THAT HEAD OF DELEGATION BE OF "MINISTERIAL LEVEL" AND THAT DELEGATION BE SMALL. GOS HOPES TO LIMIT NUMBER OF DIPLOMATS AND OTHER GUESTS TO 300, INCLUDING DUTCH DELEGATION WHICH LIKELY WILL BE RELATIVELY LARGE AND HEADED BY MEMBER OF ROYAL FAMILY. SEEMS CERTAIN THAT SOME HEADS OF STATE FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WILL BE PRESENT.
3. VISITORS' FACILITIES HERE ARE LIMITED AND THEY AND GOS WILL BE STRAINED TO UTMOST TO ACCOMMODATE AND SERVICE DELEGATIONS, EVEN THOUGH "ANNEX" TO ONE OF TWO EXISTING SUITABLE HOTELS (BOTH SMALL) IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND MAY BE COMPLETED

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IN TIME. GOS PLANS PROVIDE ONE AUTOMOBILE TO EACH DELEGATION.

(CONGEN HAS ONE OFFICIAL SEDAN AND CARRYALL).

4. DRAFT OUTLINE PROGRAM, INCOMPLETE AND NOT YET APPROVED,
PROVIDES AS FOLLOWS:

NOV. 21 - ARRIVAL OF DELEGATIONS

22 - A. DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION AT WHICH HEADS OF DELEGATIONS
TO BE PRESENTED TO HEAD OF DUTCH DEL.
BGM GOVERNORS RECEPTION

23 - FREE. TOURS AND SIGHTSEEING

24 - A. STATE BANQUET
B. FLAG RAISING AT STADIUM

25 - A. PRESENTATION OF STATE GIFTS
B. FORMAL TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY AND ELECTION OF
PRESIDENT BY PARLIAMENT
C. PRIME MINISTERS RECEPTION
D. FORMAL STATE BALL

26 - A. INDEPENDENCE YOUTH RALLY
B. DELEGATIONS DEPART, POSSIBLY BY CHARTERED PLANE.

DELEGATIONS WILL NOT BE EXPECTED PROVIDE RECIPROCAL ENTERTAIN-
MENT. ANTICIPATE BLACK TIE WILL SUFFICE FOR ALL FORMAL
OCCASIONS.

5. FOLLOWING GIFT SUGGESTIONS MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE: UPHOLSTERED
EXECUTIVE CHAIR FOR SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT, SMALL REFERENCE
LIBRARY FOR PARLIAMENT (STATEN) OR UNIVERSITY, STEUBEN
BOWLS, SILVERWARE AND/OR CHINA SERVICE FOR 24 FOR PRESIDENT
OF SURINAM, ANTIQUE FURNITURE OR OTHER ITEMS RELATING
BICENTENNIAL TO SURINAM INDEPENDENCE. FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION:
PERSONAL MOMENTOES WITH USG MOTIF, BICENTENNIAL BOOKS,
MEDALLIONS.

6. RECOMMEND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO NAVAL VISIT
DURING CEREMONIES. NO U.S. NAVAL VESSEL HAS CALLED AT PARAMARIBO
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FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND VISIT WOULD BE WELCOMED BY SURINAMERS,
MANY OF WHOM RECALL OUR MILITARY PRESENCE DURING WORLD WAR II
WITH AFFECTION. DESTROYER OR FRIGATE WOULD DRESS UP THE OCCASION,
EXPRESS USG REGARD FOR NEW NATION, AND PLACE LITTLE BURDEN
ON LOCAL FACILITIES. I UNDERSTAND BRITISH HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST
IN NAVAL VISIT, DUTCH WILL SURELY SUPPLY VESSEL, AND FRENCH
WILL PROBABLY DO SO.

7. FURTHER DETAILS AS AVAILABLE.

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